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Rick and Roger:

I just wanted to provide you with an update of where things currently stand with regard to the implementation of a global Philip Morris publications database.

I met today with Carla Gregory and Kathy Mitchell who filled me on the results of their recent discussions with IS. The current vision is to implement a global repository of published Philip Morris information that is accessible to anyone (PMUSA, PMI, INBIFO/CRC) via the intranet. The PMUSA library would "host" this repository and the appropriate regional contacts would have permission to add information to the repository as well as run reports as needed.

A vendor has been identified to develop an appropriate system (Opentext) and Jane Lewis has approved the inclusion of money in the Second Revised budget for the vendor to begin prototype development. It is anticipated that the development stage will continue for the remainder of this year and that implementation of the database will occur in 2003.

The immediate next steps will involve working with IS, Opentext, and the appropriate information management contacts to identify and integrate our specific requirements and needs into the prototype.

I will continue to keep you apprised as things progress. Please let me know if any questions.

Thanks,
Valerie

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